



## SHREWSBURY BOROUGH

August 16, 2011

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Re: Stewartstown Railroad Company – Adverse Abandonment  
York County, PA STB Docket No. AB-1071

Dear Ms. Brown:

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I am writing as Secretary of Shrewsbury Borough through which a portion of the Stewartstown Railroad transverses. This letter supplements a letter to Attorney Keith G. O'Brien, dated June 13, 2011, which was sent by our solicitor, a copy of which is enclosed.

Based upon additional information and this development, and although not taking a position on the merits of the abandonment filing, Shrewsbury borough joins in the request of the York County Rail Trail Authority, conveyed to you by letter dated July 19, 2011, for railbanking of Stewartstown Railroad between Stewartstown and New Freedom, PA rather than an outright abandonment.

In the event that the Surface Transportation Board rules in favor of an abandonment of the rail line, the Borough requests that the Board also rules to place a public use condition upon the abandonment. We understand that such rulings would offer the York County Rail Trail Authority and the Stewartstown Railroad an opportunity to negotiate a sale of the rail corridor that would permit interim trail use while preserving the corridor for future reactivation of rail service.

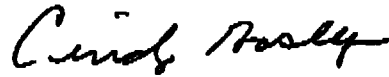
Our support places paramount importance on the preservation of the rail corridor, while accepting an interim use of the corridor as a trail for non-motorized transportation and recreation. We also acknowledge that the railroad corridor is suitable for railbanking, and that the York County Rail Trail Authority is able to meet the obligations under the Federal guidelines established for railbanking.

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Again, Shrewsbury Borough concurs and joins with the request of the York County Rail Trail Authority as set out in their July 19, 2011, letter to you.

Sincerely,



Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.

enc.

c: Stewartstown Railroad  
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June 13, 2011

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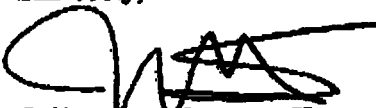
Dear Attorney O'Brien:

The CGA Law Firm and I represent the Borough of Shrewsbury. I write following my conversation with you and with regard to your correspondence to the Shrewsbury Mayor and President of Council, dated May 5, 2011, concerning the matter above.

Please be advised that, at the present time and based upon the information provided, Shrewsbury Borough has no comment or objection to the adverse abandonment proceeding that you are currently prosecuting on behalf of the Estate of George M. Hart. The future utilization of the Line, particularly where located in Shrewsbury Borough, remains a matter of interest to the Borough itself. However, it has no issues with regard to the current proceeding.

If you have any questions or I can do anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Shrewsbury Borough

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